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- An arrest warrant was issued for a Romanian national for his alleged involvement in an ATM skimming scheme that stole at least \$3.3 million. – *Portage Daily Register* (See item [5](#))
- High winds cancelled 869 flights around the country, and caused delays into New York City's LaGuardia airport, as a cold front continued to move across the continental U.S. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [8](#))
- Altoona has seen almost-daily water main breaks in January: 24 in the last 22 days due to drastic temperature shifts. – *Altoona Mirror* (See item [16](#))
- The New York Times reported that their computer systems were compromised by hackers from China that appeared to be state-sponsored. – *New York Times* (See item [27](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Storms leave more than 39,000 without power in Va.** Strong winds and rain caused power outages for over 39,000 power customers throughout the Richmond Area. Flood warnings were in effect throughout several counties.  
Source: [http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/virginia/ap\\_virginia/Storms-leave-more-than-39000-without-power-in-Va\\_93675604](http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/virginia/ap_virginia/Storms-leave-more-than-39000-without-power-in-Va_93675604)
2. *January 30, Danbury News Times* – (Connecticut) **Route 6 gas service shut for leak repair.** Over 700 customers lost natural gas service after a leak was discovered along Route 6 in Newton.  
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Route-6-gas-service-shut-for-leak-repair-4235011.php>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *January 31, The Hill* – (National) **EPA moves to pull rat poison from shelves.** Rat poison produced by Reckitt Benckiser Inc. does not comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards to protect children.  
Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/administration/280183-epa-moves-to-pull-rat-poison-from-shelves-#ixzz2JZVbiDYJ>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *January 30, Monroe Evening News* – (Michigan) **Fermi 2: Utility chided for reactor pump failure.** A report by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission found that a reactor feedwater pump at the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant failed in the summer of 2012 due to inadequate maintenance testing, restarting the pump out of normal sequence, and improper post-maintenance reassembly.  
Source: <http://www.monroenews.com/news/2013/jan/30/fermi-2-utility-chided-reactor-pump-failure/>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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## Banking and Finance Sector

5. *January 31, Portage Daily Register* – (Wisconsin; Illinois) **ATM hackers skim \$3.3 million from 200 customers.** An arrest warrant was issued for a Romanian national for his alleged involvement in an ATM skimming scheme that stole at least \$3.3 million.  
Source: [http://www.wiscnews.com/news/local/article\\_74a0527e-6b66-11e2-95a0-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.wiscnews.com/news/local/article_74a0527e-6b66-11e2-95a0-001a4bcf887a.html)
6. *January 31, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Feds unseal indictment against developer, his wife, girlfriend.** A federal indictment was unsealed against a Spokane developer, his wife, and his girlfriend for their alleged role in a real estate Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors, lending institutions, and the federal government of around \$8.8 million.  
Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2013/jan/31/feds-unseal-73-count-indictment-against-spokane/>
7. *January 30, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **‘Bully Bandit’ robs sixth bank since November.** The individual known as the “Bully Bandit” robbed a Chase Bank branch in Chicago January 29, his sixth bank robbery.  
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2013/01/30/bully-bandit-robs-fifth-bank-since-november/>

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## Transportation Sector

8. *January 31, Bloomberg News* – (National) **High winds delay New York-bound flights as cold front passes.** High winds cancelled 869 flights around the country, and caused delays into New York City’s LaGuardia airport, as a cold front continued to move across the continental U.S.  
Source : <http://www.sfgate.com/business/bloomberg/article/High-Winds-Delay-New-York-Bound-Flights-as-Cold-4239232.php>
9. *January 31, Charleston Observer* – (North Carolina) **Smoke in cockpit grounds US Airways plane during take-off.** A US Airways plane was grounded after takeoff from Charlotte when flight crews reported smoke in the cockpit. Investigators are trying to determine the cause of the smoke.  
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/01/31/3822962/smoke-in-cockpit-grounds-us-airways.html>

10. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **High winds blow 48 rail cars off track in SE Mo.** A strong windstorm caused 48 cars of a 112-car cargo train to derail near Rockview. Approximately 800 feet of track was damaged as well.  
Source: <http://www.koamtv.com/story/20882863/high-winds-blow-48-rail-cars-off-track-in-se-mo>
11. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **8 students injured in Henrico school bus accident.** A school bus traveling to Elko Middle school was hit by a car, causing injuries to eight students who were sent to a hospital.  
Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2013/jan/31/8-students-injured-in-henrico-school-bus-accident-ar-2501768/>
12. *January 31, CNN* – (Georgia; Tennessee) **High winds, tornado trap Georgia residents.** High winds and a tornado January 30 flipped over dozens of cars in Adairsville on Interstate 75. Over 20,000 residents experienced power outages and numerous injuries were reported, two fatal.  
Source: <http://ktla.com/2013/01/31/highway-littered-with-cars-after-tornado/#axzz2JZaktF7W>
13. *January 31, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **18 students transported to hospital after smoke fills bus.** Eighteen students aboard a bus en route to Northwest Prep Academy were transported to a hospital and showed elevated carbon monoxide levels after the bus filled with smoke.  
Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Students-evacuated-from-school-bus-after-smoke-fills-vehicle-189203181.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

14. *January 30, Food Safety News* – (California) **Veal recalled for potential E. coli contamination.** San Jose Veal of Santa Clara voluntarily recalled 1,260 pounds of veal trimmings due to possible E.coli contamination.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/01/veal-recalled-for-potential-e-coli-contamination/>
15. *January 31, WISN 12 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Burlington fire out except for a few hot spots.** Firefighters from two States responded to an 8-alarm fire at a food processing plant in Burlington January 30. The plant and nearby homes and apartments were evacuated due to potentially dangerous chemicals and smoke.  
Source: <http://www.wisn.com/news/south-east-wisconsin/racine-kenosha/WATCH->

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## **Water Sector**

16. *January 31, Altoona Mirror* – (Pennsylvania) **Water mains breaking at high rate.** Altoona has seen almost-daily water main breaks in January: 24 in the last 22 days due to drastic temperature shifts.

Source: <http://www.altoonamirror.com/page/content.detail/id/568327/Water-mains-breaking-at-high-rate.html?nav=742>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

17. *January 31, Salem News* – (Massachusetts) **Residents return to nursing home month after evacuation.** Nursing home residents will be returning to their Twin Oaks nursing home after a broken sewer pipe forced an evacuation of the building for about one month.

Source: <http://www.salemnews.com/local/x1525009826/Residents-return-to-nursing-home-month-after-evacuation>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

18. *January 31, KXAS 5 Forth Worth-Dallas* – (Texas) **Two open fire on Kaufman County employee near courthouse.** One victim was shot outside the Kaufman County courthouse by two suspects who fled the scene. The courthouse and seven local schools were locked down as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Two-Open-Fire-on-Kaufman-County-Employee-Near-Courthouse-189198761.html>

19. *January 30, CNN* – (Alabama) **Standoff drags into third day as man holds boy in underground bunker.** Alabama law enforcement evacuated the Midland neighborhood that was the scene of a hostage situation involving a suspect and a student taken from a school bus January 29. Officials in three area school districts also canceled classes for the day.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/31/us/alabama-child-hostage/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t1](http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/31/us/alabama-child-hostage/index.html?hpt=hp_t1)

20. *January 30, WHTR 13 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Pepper spray suspected in Lawrence Central High School evacuation.** Two different altercations January 30 ended in 15

students being taken to a local hospital in Lawrence Township after pepper spray was discharged at the area high school.

Source: <http://www.wthr.com/story/20862247/pepper-spray-suspected-in-lawrence-central-evacuation>

21. *January 30, Albany Herald* – (Georgia) **Five charged in Worth County bomb threats.** Six individuals have been charged with crimes including making terroristic threats and the disruption of public schools in Worth County. Schools across the county were closed January 29 and 30 due to these threats.

Source: <http://www.albanyherald.com/news/2013/jan/30/worth-county-schools-again-evacuated-following-sec/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *January 31, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Few details offered on incident that injured 4 Stillwater prison staffers.** An altercation at Stillwater state prison January 30 left two workers with minor injuries while two were taken to a local hospital.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/east/189140871.html?refer=y>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

23. *January 30, The H* – (International) **Latest VLC version has dangerous hole.** The latest version of the VLC media player contains a vulnerability that could potentially be exploited to execute arbitrary code.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Latest-VLC-version-has-dangerous-hole-1794474.html>

24. *January 30, Threatpost* – (International) **New ransomware encrypts victim data.** A new variety of ransomware encrypts data on victims' machines to prevent removal.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/new-ransomware-encrypts-victim-data-013013](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-ransomware-encrypts-victim-data-013013)

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### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## **Communications Sector**

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

25. *January 31, Reuters* – (California) **Blast hits San Diego hotel, illegal drug lab suspected.** A suspected illegal drug lab exploded in a San Diego hotel, injuring three people.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/31/uk-usa-sandiego-blast-idUSLNE90U00T20130131>
26. *January 31, Kearny Weekly* – (New Jersey) **3 firefighters hurt in apartment fire.** A three-alarm fire January 20 injured a captain and two firefighters; and displaced 24 residents.  
Source: [http://www.nj.com/jjournal-weeklies/index.ssf/2013/01/3\\_firefighters\\_hurt\\_in\\_apartme.html](http://www.nj.com/jjournal-weeklies/index.ssf/2013/01/3_firefighters_hurt_in_apartme.html)
27. *January 30, New York Times* – (International) **Hackers in China attacked The Times for last 4 months.** The New York Times reported that their computer systems were compromised by hackers from China that appeared to be state-sponsored.  
Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/31/technology/chinese-hackers-infiltrate-new-york-times-computers.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/31/technology/chinese-hackers-infiltrate-new-york-times-computers.html?_r=0)

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## **Dams Sector**

28. *January 31, Portland Tribune* – (Oregon) **Levee holds back flood of changes.** Post-Hurricane Katrina revisions of regulations set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on levees and dams will require re-certification of encroaching property and infrastructure in Portland, potentially costing tens of millions of dollars.  
Source: <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/127470-levee-holds-back-flood-of->

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